

Comments on Future STAR Physics and Upgrades

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Initial STAR 5 year physics program now a 10 year program

(37 week per year program [®] allocated 20 weeks per year)

What do we want to do physics-wise by 2010 [®] this is not really RHIC II yet !

Soft physics program - strangeness, HBT & particle correlations, fluctuations,
 v_2 (f , X , W ,...), correlations with event ensemble selection (EbyE), exotica

Spin physics program (2004 - 10) - $DG(x)$ from jets, di-jets, g -jet; PV from W^+ & W^- , more

Gluon structure functions and shadowing - g - jet in pp, pA

Jet quenching in AA (pA) - inclusive high p_T hadrons (15 GeV) and jets (30 GeV),

g - jet, g - leading hadron, di-hadrons, di-jets,

heavy (b) vs. light (u,d,s) quark jets (flavor composition vs quenching),

electron + leading hadron from displaced vertex

Initial state (k_T) and **final state** effects in cold nuclear matter - jets from pA

Charm and bottom production - open charm (D-mesons), B and D displaced vertices

Onium suppression in AA, propagation in pA - e^+e^- from J/ψ , ψ' , $\psi(2S)$

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What must we do to accomplish the physics in the next 5 - 10 years?

1) Acknowledged and supported “advanced tracking team”

TPC, new detectors, tracking developments, changing environment

2) DAQ/Trigger upgrade/overhaul

3) Implement a micro-vertex detector as soon as possible (2005?), then upgrade later

Ⓡ displaced vertices critical for heavy-quark jet probes, open charm

Need to form a detector project team now!

4) Forward Pi-Zero Detector

Ⓡ spin physics, nuclear shadowing

5) ToF Barrel

Ⓡ Kaon ID for D's, PID for resonances from combinatorial techniques, EbyE,...

6) EMC segmentation upgrade

Ⓡ electrons (J/ψ , ψ' , U , W^\pm , Z), leading hadron triggers (p^0 , h_s),
direct g , g -jet, g -hadron

7) Forward direction (silicon, PID, other??)

Ⓡ pA, di-hadrons, low x physics

Magnet (not mentioned?)

• RHIC cooling for warm sections

Ⓡ reduce beam-gas and associated TPC distortions

• question - 30 - 40 GeV electrons for spin physics program???

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Seems - our problems are associated with “worries about” $40 \times L_o$, *not physics!*

So what do we want to do for physics in > 2010 [- or - this is RHIC II]

Cannot be done with previous STAR upgrades and $4 \times L_o$? ® requires $40 \times L_o$?

gg HBT ® best with new TPC /converter

direct g ® separate experiment?

single particle inclusives to high p_T (fragmentation function)

and gluon vs quark jets from $\sqrt{s} = 0.2$ p/p, K-/K+

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certain B, D decay modes (e.g. B^0 ® J/y K^0_s)

and low/intermediate p_T spectra (e.g. B ® D^* and D^* or D ® Kp or K_{pp})

v_2 (D, B, J/y) - suppression/co-movers

gg and backscattered g-jet

(high density gluon back-scattered from scattered parton)

other back-to-back correlations

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Requires:

High luminosity tracking detector for 20 - 40 GeV/c particles - present TPC???

® compact tracking detector + pad chambers -or- alternative?

PID to $\sqrt{s} = 10$ GeV/c - additional detector(s)?? ® Cherenkov (threshold/RICH) detectors

Momentum resolution / magnet field strength increase ® *all for discussion!*